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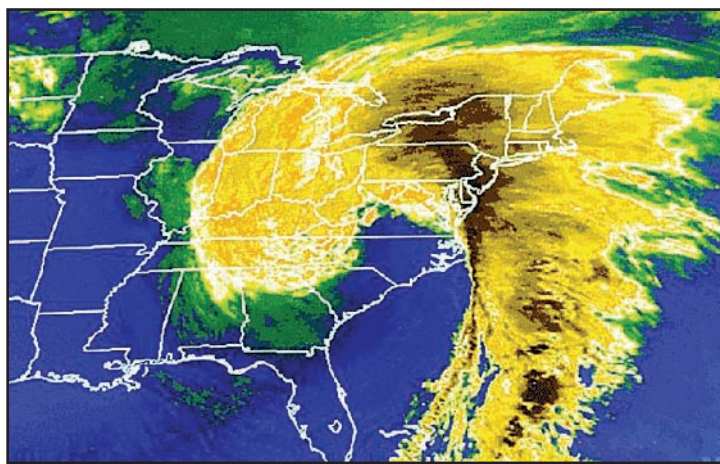
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'Frankenstorm' Sandy impact could exceed deadly Irene

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Forecasters warned yesterday that the impact of a so-called "Frankenstorm" generated by Hurricane Sandy could exceed that of Irene, which killed 47 people on the US eastern seaboard in 2011.

Sandy is moving northwards from the Bahamas parallel to the US coast, but weather models predict that on Tuesday it will collide with cold fronts from the north, super-charging the weakening storm while drawing it west onto land.

"Compared to Irene, we expect much broader surge im-



pacts. Same thing with the wind," said James Franklin, branch chief of the Miami-

Downsized Valero employees request intervention from island government

Discharged Valero employees facing their last paycheck in just over two weeks, publicly voiced their concerns during a demonstration on L.G. Smith Boulevard on Thursday afternoon, October 25. Distressed over impending unemployment and what they feel are inadequate settlements by Valero, they gathered to present their objections in writing to Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Finance, Energy, Telecommunications and Utilities, Mike de Meza and the Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber.

After long, unsuccessful negotiations to sell the San Nicolas refinery, or acquire pre-



Franklin Olive delivers Manifesto to PM

ferential prices on crude oil, Valero, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, announced they would officially discontinue operation as a refinery, turning the facility into a trans-shipment station.

This includes downsizing refinery personnel by nearly 90%. Negotiations with union officials and personal began, regarding a settlement package. Middle management employees were particularly concerned, as they were not protected by union contracts. Attorneys Sven Farrup and Hose Figaroa have been negotiating with Valero on their behalf.

The 75 or so protestors outside Aruba's Parliament expressed great distress on the disparity of the final settlement packages. Elderly workers are especially affected, with Valero claiming that those on

pension, or nearly so, will receive far less. Those on regular social security receive a minimal amount. Some of these are employees working at the refinery for 10, 15 and 20 years but are receiving the same minimal payment as workers who have been there only a year. All protestors feel this is discriminatory, and an equal system of calculation should be applied to older workers as well. Physically, they were in fine shape, and their co-workers attest to them "giving a full 100% to their job."

The lowest settlement reportedly received is 25,000 Aruban florins, which is a little more than \$14,000. Such an amount does not provide enough for individuals to approach the bank and rally into seed money or an independent enterprise.

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based National Hurricane Center during a telephone news conference. Franklin said the difference between a typical tropical cyclone and what Sandy is likely to become once it merges with the wintry storm is that there will be "a very, very large area with a more uniform wind field."

Louis Uccellini, director of the National Centers for Environmental Prediction, warned Sandy could also be more powerful than the so-called "Perfect Storm" in October 1991 that killed 13 people.

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Government will appeal court ruling on prison meals case

ORANJESTAD -- On Thursday morning the Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers, announced that the government will appeal the prison meals case which John's Pizza, the company of John A. Croes, levied against Aruba. In a court ruling, the Judge, after reviewing all the facts, ruled in favor of John Croes with Aruba losing the case.

As of August 21 of 2003, John's Pizza received a Ministerial Decree (MB) giving him the legal right to provide food for detainees in police wards and in the KIA (prison). For technical reasons, although the term of the last MB expired on August 31st, 2011, the government was not ready to announce a public bidding. They then decided to prolong the contract with John's Pizza for one more year.

According to the government, since the prolongation expired on the 31st of August 2012 and the public bidding was put into motion, Minister Dowers decided to request the catering services of Calloway Catering as a bridge between the period of the public bidding until a decision could be made by a commission in charge of the bidding. They said that they chose Calloway

because of their extensive experience working under very strict security rules serving airlines on the airport. Their experience with security procedures qualifies them to work under the security required for our prison and police wards. Hence, they were chosen until the commission makes its final decision.

Consequently, John's Pizza levied a case against the government in which the Judge, this week, ruled in their favor with the government of Aruba losing the case and was given the court order to do a public bidding.

The government decided to appeal the court ruling, because, according to Minister Dowers the Judge's sentence says that a public bidding never took place, which, says Dowers, is not true. Dowers claims that a public bidding did take place and John's Pizza was one of the businesses that bought the formal bidding documentation and had presented a bid offer.

The Minister insisted that it is important to emphasize the reality of the situation, what actually transpired and what is happening in reality. Hence, the reason for appealing the court case.

Aruba Lottery shows off new spacious offices

On Thursday evening the Aruba Lottery foundation proudly inaugurated their new facilities in the Paardenbaistraat in Oranjestad adjacent to Boogaard Assurantien. During the occasion of presenting their new spacious offices to a select group of invitees, director Ronald van de Berg indicated that... "These new offices are part of our total strategy of branding and of revitalizing our lottery."

The new offices will make Aruba Lottery more accessible to the public and provide more space for their associates to present the different products



and lottery games to players. The foundation intends to soon open another office, this time in the San Nicolas community. They want to be sure to pro-

vide their faithful patrons and lottery sellers in San Nicolas, the same excellent service and facilities.

Aruba Lottery exists since 1982! Just a few months ago they presented their new image during which time they submitted an additional donation of 1 million dollars to the Sports Subsidy Commission. This Commission ensures that the funds are divided among the various sports organizations. The primary goal of the Lotto Foundation is to organize lotteries; change lives of their winners and at the same time invest in our local sports.



Queens Museum of Art and Aruba Governor to pay homage to Aruba's Padu Lampe and country's artistic Influence in the Caribbean

EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS -- The Governor of Aruba, His Excellency Fredis Refunjol, the Queens Museum of Art (QMA) and the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) will celebrate the work and life accomplishments of Aruba's national icon Juan Chabaya (Padu) Lampe with an 'Homage to Padu' program at the QMA, in Flushing Meadows, NY, tomorrow, from 3 - 6 p.m.

Documentary Filmmaker Rebecca Roos will present various documentaries that highlight aspects of Padu Lampe's

92 years of life, alongside museum curators who will showcase Padu's artwork among the 'Kingdoms of this World' section of the Caribbean Crossroads of the World exhibit at Queens Museum of Art. The homage will culminate with a live musical performance by Aruban Pianist Jonathan Vieira. The event is free and open to all.

Through his music and compositions, Padu Lampe became a well-known pianist and later composed a waltz with lyrics that became the Aruban National Anthem titled, "Aruba

Dushi Tera." Famously named the 'Aruban Father of Culture,' Padu Lampe is also an acclaimed writer and painter who exhibited at New York's World Fair of 1939 at the exact same location in Flushing Meadows, Corona Park, Queens, NY, a distinction that only a few Caribbean artists have achieved.

"Transcending both island and political borders, Padu has become a representative of Caribbean Culture and now serves as our symbolic Father of Culture," said the governor of Aruba, Fredis Refunjol.

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Exposition "Aire" opens in La Cabana Beach Resort lobby



Four Elements by Ephrim Britten

The beautifully renewed and refreshed lobby and mezzanine of La Cabana Beach Resort in Eagle, was unveiled a year ago. To demonstrate the owners' and management's commitment to the Aruban community, the reception area, particularly the elegant mezzanine, had been converted into an art gallery. The purpose is to showcase the work of Aruba's

many fine artists, with regularly changing expositions under the supervision of Movimiento Arte Nobo Aruba (MANA).

The collections change every three months. On Tuesday evening, October 23, "Air" the final of a series of four expositions themed around the elements was greeted with a gracious opening event. The three previous exhibitions were "Fire", "Water", and "Earth".

The Director of Aruba's Department of Culture, Siegfried Dumfries, congratulated curator Maria Teresa Martinez and La Cabana General Manager Joe Najir on



Cielo by Charito Chavez

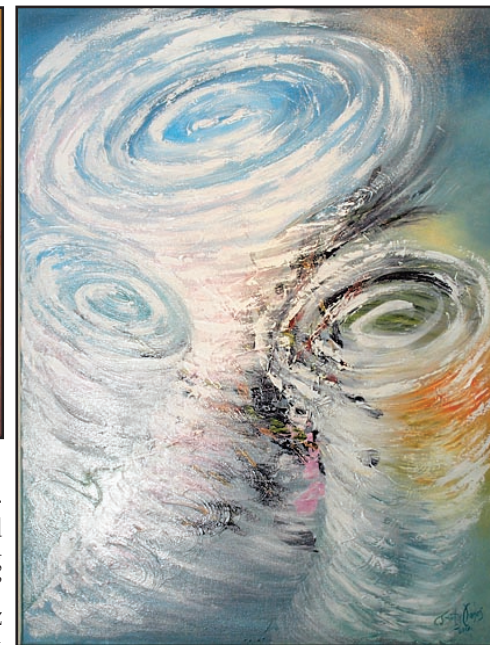
this superb initiative to share island culture and talent with vacationers."

The current collection reveals the diversity of styles and

interpretation rendered by island artists in expressing the theme. "Cielo" by Charito Chavez immediately catches the eye, a subtle statement of blue skies and breezes about to be disrupted by building thunderheads.

If taking in the exhibit, do not ignore a very interesting piece by Ephrim Britten, unfortunately hidden away behind a support beam. He has produced a bold work combining all the themes of the ongoing elements expositions.

Twenty-one artists contributed to the present exposi-



Unpredictable Wind by Timothy Charles

tion, including: Edmond Tujeehut, Belinda de Veer, Maria Teresa Martinez, Timothy Charles, Elvis Tromp, Eduardo Valbuena, Michelle Wever, Frank Croes and those mentioned above. The paintings are on display every day, twenty-four hours a day and all are for sale. Persons interested in purchasing a painting can contact MANA at 594-2233 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM daily.

Rosalie Klein



Curator Maria Theresa Martinez and her work



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Curacao has a new government

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao -- Three political parties in Curacao, Pueblo Soberano, MFK and MAN, have indicated a willingness to form a new coalition government, just as they have in recent years, and have signed an agreement to this effect following last Friday's elections. There are also candidate ministers now ready to be screened.

These are: Ivar Asjes -- Prime Minister; Terry Hernandez -- Minister of Finance; Elmer Wilsoe -- Minister of Justice; Nasser el Hakim -- Minister of Economic Development and Tourism; Jacintha Scoop-Constandia -- Minister of Public Health and Environment; Charles Cooper -- Minister of Traffic, Transportation and Urban Planning; Hensley Koeiman -- Minister of Labor and Social Affairs; Carlos Monk -- Minister of Education; Caryl Monte -- Plenipotentiary Minister in the Netherlands.

It is also proposed to ap-

point former Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte as president of Parliament.

These are all proposals at this stage and it is still left to be seen which of these candidate ministers will pass the screening process and form part of the government.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands Kingdom Relations minister, Liesbeth Spies, said she finds it too far to conclude that the elections in Curacao proved that the population wants independence from the Netherlands.

The demand for independence was in itself not a dominant theme in the election campaign. However, the political party Pueblo Soberano, which is fighting for an independent Curacao, ended up as the largest party in last week's polls.

Spies spoke on Thursday in the Netherlands Parliament during a debate regarding the Dutch Antilles and stressed

that it is up to Curacao itself to make the choice through a referendum.

Spies said she awaits developments, and will then work with the new government.

However, the Lower Chamber of the Dutch Parliament is very concerned about the likelihood of good cooperation with Curacao politicians. In recent years, Curacao politicians have sometimes been uncooperative towards the Netherlands and have made a financial mess out of the island's economy.

When new relationships within the kingdom were created in 2010, the Netherlands helped Curacao with its financial problems by taking over nearly 2 billion euro of debt. Since then the island has, yet again, produced a large budget deficit. Now, the Lower Chamber is insisting that Curacao puts things in order and adheres to the agreements with the Netherlands.

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Parliamentarian Andin Bikker shows his support

The Prime Minister, when accepting the workers' manifesto from Franklin Olive, conceded Valero workers also have a special skill set that makes it difficult to readily find jobs other places, and many are not trained to work in tourism.

Another issue brought forward by the workers was receiving a fiscal consideration from the tax office. It would appear there is a precedent from the time when Exxon closed shop and laid off all the workers in 1985, but that was not the 0% being asked for by the protesters.

refinery would be sold, and their jobs were secure.

Speaking for yesterday's group, Stephanie Albertus explained there is a group of nearly 100 that have found the terms of settlement not acceptable, and is willing to face Valero in court. "The lawyers are telling us we have a very good case, and we are putting our faith and hope in the lawyers," she commented. "Even though it is between us and Valero, there are some points we wish to make here today... One is what a strain it will be for the economy when we have lost our jobs. This



A main complaint voiced during the groups march to the front of the ministers' offices was that Aruba's government had intervened on numerous occasions in Valero's behalf during negotiations of the sale of the refinery, or attempts to obtain preferential rates on crude oil. The unemployed workers are now asking the government do the same for them, by intervening with Valero management and CEO Bill Klesse, on their behalf. Workers are particularly irate that for such an extended period time, they were being told the

will affect all the other businesses we support as consumers. We are now going to put quite a strain on government resources as well. With a higher severance package, this will be far less. None of us want to leave our jobs. If we could be at work today, we would be," she concluded.

Prime Minister Eman respectfully listened to their concerns and answered their queries as best he could, promising to read their manifesto and try to help them within the authority allowed him.

Rosalie Klein

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We will also be rocking with our Little Rockers on Halloween weekend, today, October 27th and tomorrow, October 28th, from 12 noon until late afternoon in our Lit-



tle Rockers Corner with fun kid's activities like Dino Jump, Face Painting, Figure Balloons and much more. This Halloween kids can Eat,

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Tonight, October 27th, starting at 10PM Hard Rock Café is also celebrating Halloween for adults with our main event "Hallo-Rock-A-Ween" where DJ Metropolis and The Idle Mist Band will take you back to the 70's and 80's.

Party people put on your costume but don't forget your dancing shoes, because the night fever will be at the Hard Rock Café. Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person. FREE bloody Jello Shots and Scary Bite Snacks before 12 midnight.

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Aruba Nautical Club 48th International Classic Billfish Tournament this weekend

From 26 to 28 October 2012 Aruba Nautical Club is organizing its prestigious international fishing tournament ("48th International Classic Billfish Tournament"). This tournament is a yearly event from as early as 1964. Nowadays this tournament is held in a "Catch & Release" format. This means that all fish that are caught are not killed, but are being released back. This for



tournament is a qualifying event for the 2013 IGFA World Offshore Championship, to be held in Quepos, Costa Rica.

The program for the weekend is as follows:

Saturday 27 October: First fishing day (the estimated arrival time of the boats will be around 5 PM).

Sunday 28 October: Second fishing day,

awards ceremony and closing dinner (the estimated arrival time of the boats will be around 4:30 PM).

On Saturday there will be live entertainment. Everybody, young and old, is invited to assist at this prestigious tournament. More information can be obtained at the Aruba Nautical Club (email: aruba_nautical_club@yahoo.com, or telephone 593-4980).



preservation and conservation purposes of the applicable species, which include the blue marlin, white marlin and the sailfish. For each released fish the angler and his team will earn an amount of points. At the end, the angler and team with the most points will be the winner. Prices include trophies, cash prizes and other attractive articles. Images of the released fish will be shown on flatscreens at the club. The

Queens Museum of Art...

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"I am very pleased the Queens Museum of Art has decided to host this special tribute to Padu and we welcome locals and visitors to join us and explore Aruba's rich culture at the Museum."

Home to one of the most well-known artists in the Caribbean, Aruba is a prime example of a cultural melting pot. With more than 90 nationalities, the island has been a source of cultural convergence reflected in the country's many languages, music, art and culinary traditions.

"Aruba, like Queens, is a multi-cultural and multi-lingual place, a true crossroads of European, American, African, and Asian traditions. Padu's music and paintings are a testament to how that hybridity becomes the basis for the de-

velopment of distinctive cultural forms," suggests Prerana Reddy, QMA's director of public events.

Aruba is a constituent and autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and offers more than just sun, sand, year-round cooling trade winds and an average temperature of 82 degrees, as it boasts a tremendous array of cultural events annually. From the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival and the Aruba International Film Festival to Carnival and community-wide events at local art galleries and museums, Aruba is at the epicenter of artistic expression. The 'Homage to Padu' clearly celebrates Padu's contribution to Aruban and Caribbean cultural development.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hurricane death toll more than 38



Vero Beach, Florida

PORT-AU-PRINCE - The death toll from Hurricane Sandy rose to 38 yesterday, after officials in Haiti reported that the number of fatalities in the impoverished Caribbean country had increased to 26.

The storm -- which is now headed for the US East Coast -- also killed 11 people in Cuba and one in Jamaica as it pummeled the Caribbean as a category two hurricane.

Most of the dead in Haiti were killed trying to cross swollen rivers.

Four more people are still reported missing in Haiti, civil defense officials said, warning that the tally was still partial, as downed communications lines made it difficult to get information from isolated areas.

More than 17,000 Haitians were displaced by the storm, and thousands of homes were destroyed or damaged from the storm, which continued to dump rain on the country.

Several towns were flooded and crops were destroyed. Roads were also damaged, leaving several regions cut off from the rest of the country.

Yesterday, the government declared a public holiday to deal with the consequences of the storm.

Hurricane Sandy rolled out of the Bahamas yesterday after causing destruction across the

Caribbean, churning toward the U.S. East Coast,

The Category 1 hurricane toppled light posts, flooded roads and tore off tree branches as it charged through Cat Island and Eleuthera in the scattered archipelago, with authorities reporting one man killed, the British CEO of an investment bank.

Government officials in the Bahamas said the storm seems to have inflicted the greatest damage on Cat Island, which took a direct hit, and Exuma, where there were reports of downed trees, power lines and damage to homes.

On Long Island, farmers lost most of their crops and several roofs were torn off, said legislator Loretta Butler-Turner. The island is without power and many residents do not have access to fresh water, she said.

Power was out on Acklins Island and most roads there were flooded, while in Ragged Island in the southern Bahamas, the lone school was flooded.

Russell, the emergency management official in Nassau, said docks on the western side of Great Inagua island had been destroyed and the roof of a government building was partially ripped off.

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NHC forecasters said the storm was likely to make land-fall early Tuesday, anywhere from south of Delaware up through northern New England, with climate models unable to be more precise four days out.

That puts the storm on track to hit during the frenzied final week of campaigning before the November 6 US presidential vote.

Concern is mounting that storm damage and power outages could have a major impact on voter turnout, polling station readiness, and last-minute campaigning by Romney and Obama.

The White House said Obama was briefed yesterday on storm preparations by the directors of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the NHC and by his Homeland Security advisor.

The statement said he directed FEMA administrator

Craig Fugage "to ensure that all available federal resources are being brought to bear to support state and local responders in potentially affected areas."

US agencies, from the FEMA to the Pentagon and the Coast Guard, were mobilising resources and manpower and urging those along the hurricane's projected path to prepare for possible power outages, flooding and evacuations.

New York's governor declared a state of emergency ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, while the mayor of New York City said the Big Apple was ready for anything.

The storm is predicted to douse the entire eastern US, from the Carolinas up through southern New England, with up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain.

It could also dump up to two feet of snow in the Ap-

palachian mountain areas of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Because the storm is slow-moving, the storm's effects will likely last over several days and lead to widespread power outages, Franklin said.

Massive tidal surges are likely where the storm center passes and could lead to major flooding in coastal areas and along rivers. Exacerbating the impact is the fact Sandy is hitting during a full moon, when tides are typically already at their highest.

"The potential is there for a significant storm," WCNC-TV chief meteorologist Brad Panovich in Charlotte, North Carolina wrote on Facebook.

"This system is one part hurricane, one part nor'easter and one part blizzard, potentially. Impacts of all three types of storms are possible depending on location."

Top US senator hospitalized after car crash

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was hospitalized yesterday after his car was involved in an accident on a highway in his home state of Nevada.

The injury to the 72-year-old top Democrat in the Senate "does not appear to be life-threatening," Nevada Highway Patrol spokesman Loy Hixson told AFP.

Reid's multi-car caravan

was traveling on an interstate through Las Vegas when "the vehicles were involved in an accident with a civilian vehicle," the police trooper added.

The senator was transported by a vehicle in his own caravan to the University Medical Center, while a Reid aide who was not identified was slightly injured in the crash but not taken to hospital, Hixson said.

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Looters rampage in Panama over law

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - Looters ransacked shops and stoned vehicles in Panama City yesterday following protests outside the Congress against a law that permits the sale of public lands in a duty free zone.

Dozens of hooded assailants stormed through the streets around the capitol building, attacking congressional guards and smashing store windows and parked vehicles with stones.

Local television showed images of looters making off with television sets, sound equipment, appliances and alcoholic beverages.

The eruption of violence followed a protest by members of a construction union against the new law, which President Ricardo Martinelli has promised to rescind.

Heavily armed police intervened after a half hour of chaos, making mass arrests to restore order.

"We are concerned by the turn that this situation is taking," Irving Hallman, head of Panama's chamber of commerce, said in a television interview. "There is no justification for vandalism by those who are trying to take advantage of the situation."

Protests have flared since October 19 when Martinelli signed a law allowing the sale of public lands in the free trade area in the city of Colon.

Three people were killed in the first eruption of violent protests in Colon immediately after the law was signed, and the city has been paralyzed by strikes since then.

Protests have also spread to Panama City and the border area with Costa Rica.

Martinelli, who was flying home from a trip to Asia, promised in a Twitter message yesterday to introduce a bill repealing the land sale law in its entirety.

Berlusconi sentenced to prison for tax fraud

ROME (AFP) - Italy's former prime minister and media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi was briefly sentenced to four years in prison for tax fraud connected to his Mediaset empire yesterday, and was banned from holding public office for five years by a Milan court.

But the court immediately cut the sentence to one year under an amnesty law approved by the then centre-left

government in 2006 to reduce the overcrowding of Italian prisons.

Berlusconi, 76, is considered certain to stave off any imprisonment or ban on his political activities by appealing through higher courts. The verdict came two days after he announced his retirement from politics.

He condemned the sentence as "intolerable judicial harass-

ment" and his lawyer branded the verdict as "absolutely unbelievable".

In the trial, which began six years ago but was repeatedly suspended, Berlusconi was accused of artificially inflating the price of distribution rights bought by his companies and of creating foreign slush funds to avoid paying taxes in Italy.

The court also sentenced the media tycoon and 10 co-

defendants to pay 10 million euros (\$13 million) to Italian tax authorities for losses in what they called "large-scale fraud." The tax scam helped to create secret overseas accounts and reduce profits to pay fewer taxes in Italy.

The sentence came a week after Berlusconi denied at a separate trial that he hosted raunchy parties, had sex with a 17-year-old prostitute or

abused his powers by pressuring police officers.

In that trial, Berlusconi is accused of paying for sex with then underage Moroccan exotic dancer Karima El-Mahroug.

He is also charged with abusing his position as prime minister by telling police to release her when she was arrested for petty theft in May 2010.

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MIAMI — People who are high-risk for heart valve surgery could have their damaged aortic valve replaced without traditional surgery with a new FDA-approved procedure performed at Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute at Baptist Hospital of Miami.

Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) is a promising treatment in which a team of highly skilled doctors use a minimally invasive approach, gaining access to the heart through a small catheter inserted in the skin, to replace the diseased aortic heart valve while the heart is still beating eliminating the need for the heart-lung machine.

"This is a valuable option for inoperable patients with severe aortic stenosis to improve their quality of life," said Ramon Quesada, M.D., the Institute's medical director of interventional cardiology and cardiac research.

The experienced multi-disciplinary team of doctors who perform the procedure at the Institute is comprised of Dr.

Quesada and Jonathan Roberts, M.D., both interventional cardiologists, Niberto Moreno, M.D., heart surgeon and chief of Baptist Health's cardiothoracic surgery, Lisardo Garcia-Covarrubias, M.D., cardiothoracic surgeon, and Ralph Machado, M.D., cardiac anesthesiologist.

"Studies show that patients who received the artificial heart valve lived longer, had better heart function and felt better than those patients who did not receive a new valve but were treated medically," Dr. Moreno said.

During a TAVR, the patient is given general anesthesia while doctors insert a catheter into the femoral artery in the groin and guide it to the heart. An artificial heart valve made of a steel frame and animal tissue is fed into the catheter and threaded to the heart to replace the damaged aortic valve during the two-hour procedure. The frame of the new Edwards SAPIEN transcatheter valve is strong and uses part of the diseased valve to anchor securely in place.

Aortic stenosis primarily affects older people with men having higher rates than women, and heart disease is associated with a 50 percent increase in the risk for death from heart attack.

For more information on the program, contact the TAVR office at 855-596-6000.

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German doctors remove 28-kilo tumour from woman

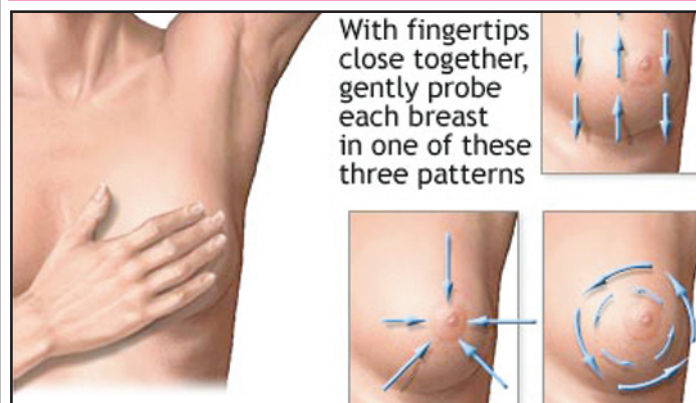
BERLIN (AFP) - Doctors in Germany said Friday they had removed a tumour weighing 28 kilogrammes (62 pounds) from a 60-year-old woman who had previously been diagnosed as obese.

A spokesman from the university clinic in the eastern city of Dresden said the woman, Irmtraud Eichler, had made a full recovery after the seven-hour operation and was now able to walk again with crutches.

The so-called "borderline" tumour, measuring 60 centimetres (24 inches) by 50 centimetres, attached itself to an ovary and Eichler began to put on weight at an alarming rate.

Her doctor put the weight gain down to a combination of diabetes and a lack of activity and prescribed a course of anti-

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Professor Pauline Wimberger of the University Hospital in Dresden shows a photograph of the 28 kg tumor

obesity medicine.

However, when she could barely stand due to the swelling, her daughter insisted on a second opinion and an ultrasound scan revealed the growing tumour, which was found to be neither benign but not especially malignant either.

The operation removed not only the tumour, but also her

uterus, ovaries and thyroid, which had expanded, causing her windpipe to contract and have breathing difficulties.

When removed, the tumour filled a wheelbarrow, the spokesman said.

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US returns thousands of artifacts to Mexico



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WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States has returned more than 4,000 artifacts to

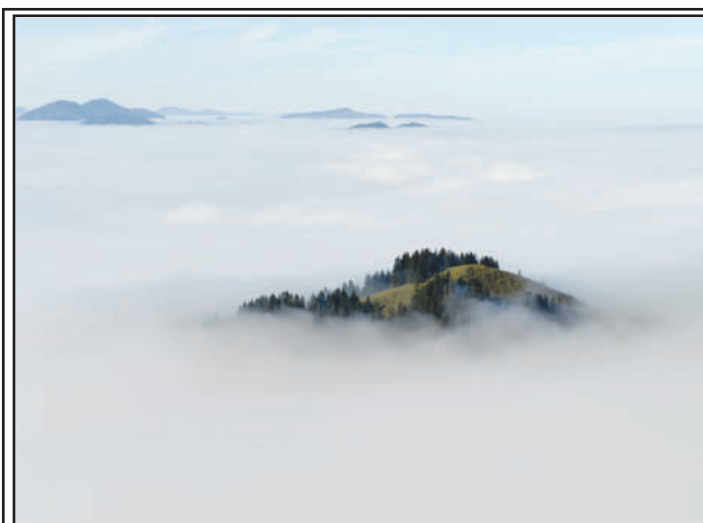
Mexico, some more than 1,500 years old, that were brought across the border illegally, US customs officials said.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Thursday that the artifacts had been seized at the border and inside the United States in more than a dozen operations in recent years.

The artifacts include five pre-Columbian statues, 26 ceramic fragments dating back 1,500 years, and an Aztec whistle.

"The plundering of cultural property is one of the oldest forms of organized cross-border crime and has become a worldwide phenomenon that transcends frontiers," said US customs official Janice Ayala.

She said the recovery of the artifacts was made possible by the "teamwork and cooperation" that exists between law enforcement authorities on both sides of the border. The artifacts were handed over in a ceremony at the Mexican consulate in the border town of El Paso, Texas.



WENDELSTEIN (AFP) : A hill is covered in fog, seen from the 1,838 meters high Wendelstein mountain in the Alps near Bayrischzell, southern Germany, on October 24, 2012. Meteorologists forecast unsettled weather with morning fog and rain for the upcoming weekend in southern Germany.

Guatemala to track police with computer chips

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Police in Guatemala will be equipped with computer chips to track their movements starting next year in a new bid to restore public confidence in a security force plagued by charges of abuse.

Interior Minister Mauricio Lopez said that the chips, which will be fixed onto officers' badges, will allow supervisors to track their movements and ensure they are responding to orders.

Police will also get new uniforms "so they can be considered friends of the population," Lopez told reporters, without providing further information.

All police currently wear black uniforms, which Lopez said would be reserved for special forces and other elite units. Guatemala's 24,000-strong police force has instilled little confidence in the public following the arrest of former top officials on a wide array of charges, including murder.

In August former police chief Erwin Sperisen was arrested in Geneva on charges of

murder, drug trafficking, money laundering, illegal detention, extortion and drug theft.

Guatemala had been calling for the arrest of the dual Swiss citizen since 2010, along with 18 other former members of the police and interior ministry.

The 42-year-old, who was chief of the national police from 2004-2007, is wanted by Guatemala over the 2005 killing of seven detainees and three other prisoners who had fled.

By law, Sperisen cannot be extradited because he has Swiss citizenship.

In March, Guatemala's former deputy interior minister Marlene Blanco was arrested on charges of involvement in several extra-judicial killings in 2009.

Guatemala and other Central American countries have seen a rise in drug violence in recent years as Mexico's powerful cartels -- which have long conspired with corrupt local officials -- have expanded their reach.



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20. Outlaw duo
23. Little League coaches, often
24. Tool's mate
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28. Electrode
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33. Tolerate
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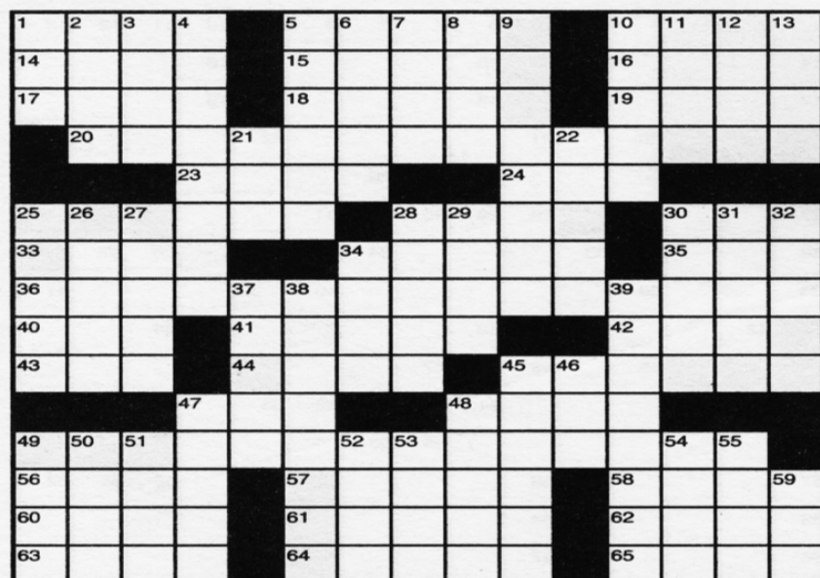
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30. John Irving's "The ____ New Hampshire"
31. An Astaire
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37. Finest part
38. Dr. ____ ("Wild, Wild West" villain)
39. Charlemagne et al.
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46. Three ____ match
47. Ridge
48. Put two and two together
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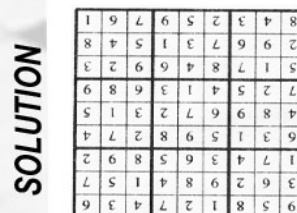
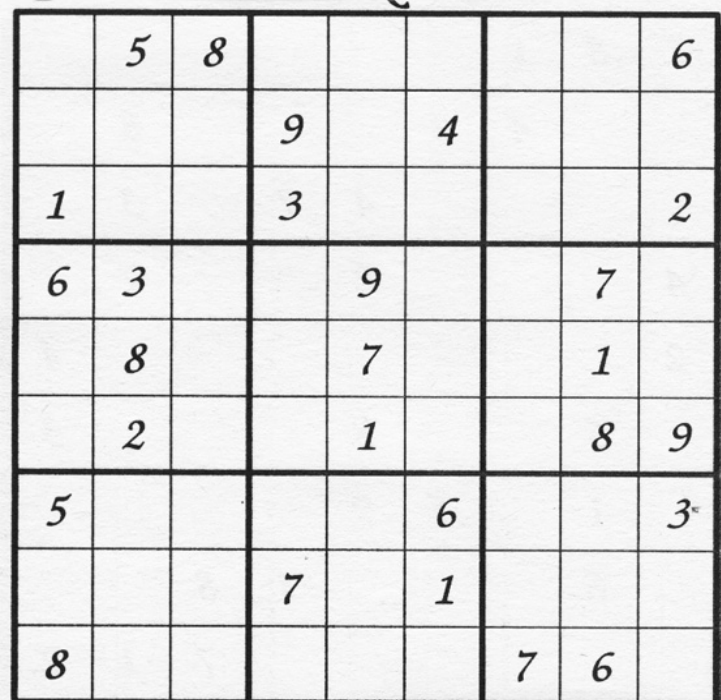
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Finance

Citi fined \$2 mn over Facebook IPO leak

NEW YORK (AFP) - US banking giant Citigroup paid a \$2 million fine to a state regulator and fired a junior analyst over a probe into leaks of confidential information on Facebook's public offering, officials said yesterday.

A senior tech analyst also left Citi yesterday, the banking group confirmed, after the Massachusetts investigation uncovered "prohibited contact" with a French business journalist on nonpublic estimates for Google's YouTube.

"We are pleased to have this matter resolved," Citi said in a statement after the fine was announced by Massachusetts Commonwealth Secretary William Galvin. "We take our internal policies and procedures very seriously and have taken the appropriate actions."

According to an agreement filed by the regulator, Citi terminated the employment of an unnamed junior analyst in September for disclosing research on Facebook which came from underwriters and was to remain confidential until 40 days after the IPO.

The document said the analyst released the confidential information to the news website TechCrunch, a unit of AOL. The leaked data included an analysis of "investment risks" and "investment positives" for Facebook ahead of the IPO in May.

The state official said the fine was for "improper disclosures of nonpublic information," including the Facebook IPO.

Citi also confirmed the "departure" of star tech analyst Mark Mahaney, who was the "senior analyst" cited by regulators.

The document said the senior analyst provided confidential revenue estimates for YouTube to a reporter for the French business publication Capital in April.

The regulator said the analyst violated company guidelines which prohibit discussion of an outlook for a company if this has not been published in a report.

Citi said Mahaney's departure "was not linked to Facebook."

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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US economy grew at rate of 2% in third quarter

WASHINGTON -- Economic growth in the U.S. was stronger than forecast in the third quarter, propelled by gains in consumer spending, defense outlays and homebuilding.

Gross domestic product, the value of all goods and services produced, rose at a 2 percent annual rate after climbing 1.3 percent in the prior quarter, Commerce Department figures showed yesterday in Washington. The median forecast of 86 economists surveyed by Bloomberg called for a 1.8 percent gain.

"We are encouraged by the improvement we're seeing in consumer spending and housing," said Dean Maki, chief U.S. economist in New York for Barclays Plc, who correctly forecast the rate of growth. "These will be dominant themes in the fourth quarter too."

Consumer confidence rose to a five-year high in October, another report showed, suggesting that gains in spending can be sustained as the real-estate revival bolsters household finances. The administration of President Barack Obama used the GDP report to promote measures it says would strengthen the economy, such as hiring more teachers, while challenger Mitt Romney seized on it as evidence Obama's policies have failed.

Consumer purchases, which make up about 70 percent of the world's largest economy, grew at a 2 percent annual rate, up from a 1.5 percent second-quarter gain and compared with a 2.1 percent median forecast in the Bloomberg survey. Purchases added 1.4 percentage points to growth.



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Argentina loses US appeal on bond debt repayment

NEW YORK (AFP) - A US federal court yesterday rejected Argentina's appeal of a court ruling that it must pay holders of defaulted bonds after the country stopped paying its sovereign debt in 2001.

The US Court of Appeals in New York upheld a lower court judge's February ruling that the South American country had violated its promise to pay NML Capital and other creditors and must reimburse them.

"We hold that Argentina breached its promise and, accordingly, affirm the underlying judgments of the district court," the US appeals court said in the ruling.

The court ruled that Argentina had violated the equal treatment provision that bars putting the holders of bonds connected to the country's debt restructuring ahead of holders of the defaulted bonds, such as NML Capital, a Cyprus-based investment fund.

Argentina, which took the controversial step of defaulting on \$100 billion in debt in 2001, has since restructured its

debt twice.

NML and other creditors did not accept the bond swaps conducted by the Argentine government in 2005 and 2010 and went to court to demand payment of interest on the securities in default.

At the time payments were stopped, NML Capital Ltd. held about \$170 million in bonds, while another firm, EM Ltd., held some \$700 million.

According to Friday's appeals court ruling, "nothing in the record supports Argentina's blanket assertion that the injunctions will plunge the Republic into a new financial and economic crisis."

The court sent the case back to the lower court for it to determine a payment formula for the \$1.4 billion claimed by the plaintiffs and how it must be applied to intermediary banks and third parties.

Argentina has erased almost all its debt to foreign investors since its 2001 default, but still owes roughly \$6.1 billion.



NEW DELHI -- Virgin Group's Sir Richard Branson – currently in India to launch Virgin Atlantic's service on the Mumbai-London route – is toying with the idea of investing in high speed passenger services of the Indian Railways. The Indian Railways is studying the feasibility of attracting private investment for high-speed trains for six routes and has been studying various options of attracting funding.



DÜSSELDORF : A protester holds a banner that quotes Nobel Prize winner Bertha von Suttner "Lay Down Your Arms" to demonstrate against German arms export in front of the Rheinmetall AG headquarters in Duesseldorf, western Germany on October 26, 2012. A delivery of German-built Leopard-2 tanks to Saudi-Arabia is scheduled to leave in the near future. (AFP PHOTO)

Christmas Town fetes their clients prior to the big day



Organizers of the Christmas Town Expo coming up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 2, 3 and 4, hosted an elegant get together for exhibitors at Fort Zoutman a few days ago. Aruba's first major holiday expo promises to be a festive affair with a diversity of booths and holiday displays. The pre-party was equally festive with Gaita group Las Unicas providing traditional holiday entertainment. Major sponsors GTI Motors were on hand, and the evening was dedicated to thanking the many participants who will make the upcoming expo at the Renaissance Convention center such a success. Opening event will be at 6:00 PM on Friday, and entrance is only 5 Arubian florins for an expo hall full of holiday food, gift, party and decoration ideas. Entrance will include raffle tickets for spectacular prizes and there will great seasonal entertainment throughout the weekend.

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally

known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100%

pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western

Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a fa-

mous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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morning "Kaffie Klatch" and triple points when using their membership cards.

Cool Casino is a great place to learn to understand



such table games as Craps and Roulette, as they offer free instructions and minimums for beginners with which anyone can have fun and feel very comfortable. High-stakes tables and a major weekly

blackjack tournament will keep veteran high-rollers happy, as well as periodic special events that attract an international crowd; stop by and check their schedule.

Add to all this free drinks while testing the slots or trying your hand at the tables, and the opportunity to enjoy exclusive pay-per-view major sporting events at one of their dozens of plasma screens, and you can understand why loyal patrons find Cool Casino THE fun place to play. Slot machines are open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 AM daily, and gaming tables open at 5:00 PM; ask for their schedule of special events and bonuses, as there are so many choose from, but every day offers something to get the adrenaline flowing!



Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains and vegetables

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



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SPORTS

NFL: Freeman powers Tampa Bay over Minnesota



Josh Freeman #5 of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers fumbles the ball

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - Tampa Bay's Josh Freeman threw three touchdown passes for the third game in a row as the Buccaneers snapped a nine-game road losing streak with a 36-17 victory at Minnesota on Thursday.

The Buccaneers, who had not won away from home since a victory in September of last year at Minnesota, improved to 3-4 to claim sole possession of second in the NFC South division. The Vikings, second in the NFC North, fell to 5-3.

No prior Tampa Bay quarterback has thrown so many touchdown passes over so many games as Freeman, who

completed 19-of-36 passes against the Vikings for 262 yards.

Rookie running back Doug Martin ran the ball 29 times for 135 yards and a touchdown and caught three passes for 79 yards and a touchdown as Tampa Bay dominated possession time.

Tampa Bay jumped ahead 13-0 with Freeman sandwiching a 1-yard touchdown toss to Erik Lorig between field goals of 28 and 40 yards by Connor Barth.

Christian Ponder put Minnesota on the scoreboard with an 18-yard touchdown pass to Percy Harvin but Freeman answered with a 3-yard touch-

down throw to Mike Williams before Blair Walsh's 51-yard field goal pulled the Vikings within 20-10 at half-time.

Freeman put the Bucs ahead 27-10 with a 64-yard touchdown pass to Martin just 81 seconds into the third quarter and Barth added a 38-yard field goal to put Tampa Bay ahead by 20 points.

Adrian Peterson ran 64 yards for a Vikings touchdown but Tampa Bay answered on a 1-yard touchdown run by Martin, although a conversion throw was missed to leave the visitors ahead by the final margin.

The high-flying Atlanta Falcons, the NFL's last unbeaten team at 6-0, tries to continue a perfect season when they visit Philadelphia (3-3) as Michael Vick leads his new club, the Eagles, against the Atlanta squad he guided before being jailed for his role in a dogfight gambling ring.

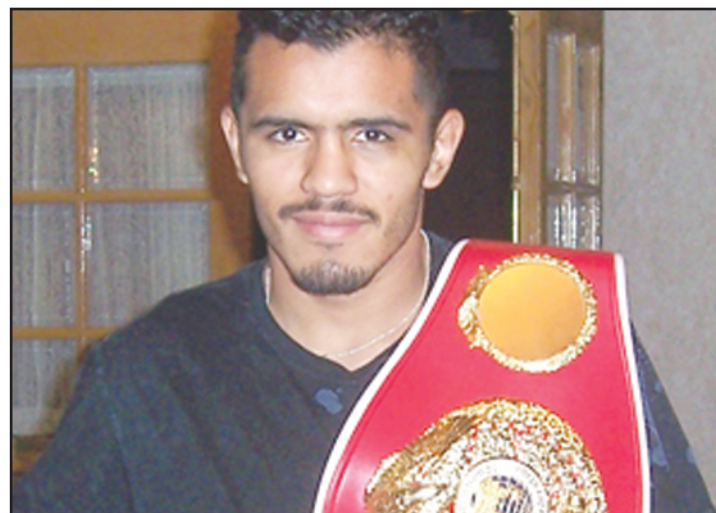
National Conference NFC West division leader San Francisco (5-2) will try to keep that tag at Arizona (4-3) on Monday night while the NFC East-leading New York Giants (5-2) visit Dallas (3-3) and NFC North leader Chicago (5-2) will play host to Carolina (1-5).

Only three teams in the AFC have winning records and two of them, division leaders Houston (6-1) and Baltimore (5-2) are idle this weekend, with Buffalo and Cincinnati also enjoying a bye week.

The other AFC front runner above .500, AFC East leader New England (4-3), will visit St. Louis (3-4).

Other games Sunday find San Diego at Cleveland, Seattle at Detroit, Miami at the New York Jets, Washington at Pittsburgh, Jacksonville at Green Bay, Oakland at Kansas City, Indianapolis at Tennessee and New Orleans at Denver.

BOXING: Vazquez to defend lightweight crown against Quintero



VERONA (AFP) - Mexico's Miguel Vazquez will defend his International Boxing Federation lightweight crown on Saturday against countryman Marvin Quintero on a card at a Native American reservation casino.

Vazquez, 31-3 with 13 knockouts, has won 10 fights in a row since 2008, when he suffered the second of two losses to unbeaten Mexican light middleweight Saul Alvarez.

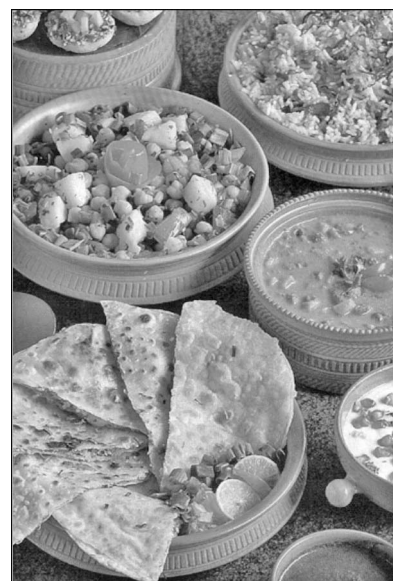
His only other loss was in 2007 at the hands of unbeaten Tim Bradley, who beat Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao in a controversial decision last

June to claim a portion of the world welterweight throne.

"I believe I am the best lightweight champion in the world," said Vazquez. Quintero, 25-3 with 21 knockouts, hopes to disprove that notion in his first world title fight.

Quintero has won nine of his past 10 fights, all with early stoppages, and has not been the distance win or lose since May of 2009.

His longest fight was his most recent, a ninth-round TKO of Filipino southpaw Al Sabaupan last April to make him the mandatory challenger for fellow 25-year-old Quintero.



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MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid captain Iker Casillas and Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez received one of Spain's top civil awards, the Prince of Asturias Prize, from the heir to the Spanish throne Prince Felipe on Friday. The prize jury praised them for good sportsmanship, saying they "symbolise the values of friendship beyond the great rivalry of their respective teams". Casillas paid tribute to his Real Madrid and Spain team mates, saying that he and Xavi "are the visible head of a generation that will remain for posterity", in comments published on his club's website.

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Cycling: Armstrong's Tour victories to have no new winner

GENEVA (AFP) - The 1999-2005 Tour de France races will have no winners attributed to them, embattled world cycling officials announced Friday, ordering doping-tainted icon Lance Armstrong to repay his prize money.

The International Cycling Union (UCI) this week effectively erased Armstrong from the cycling history books when it decided not to appeal sanctions imposed on the American by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

A damning report by USADA last week concluded that Armstrong helped orchestrate the most sophisticated doping programme in the history of sport.

Armstrong will now lose all of his results from 1998, the year he resumed racing after successfully battling cancer, and a year before the first of his seven consecutive yellow jersey wins from 1999-2005.

It is estimated that Armstrong earned prize money of 2.95 million euros for his Tour de France victories.

The UCI justified its decision not to re-attribute podium spots on the Tour as a point of principle.

Tour de France organisers later pointed out that the UCI's decision reflected their own.

Meanwhile, world anti-doping body WADA said it backed the UCI's decision to create an independent review commission.

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MLB: Giants making their own luck - Leyland

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Detroit manager Jim Leyland says San Francisco's two-game World Series lead over his Tigers can't be blamed on a bad bounce or a poor decision, it's just that the Giants are that good.

From Pablo Sandoval's three home runs -- two off formidable Tigers ace Justin Verlander -- in San Francisco's 8-3 game one triumph to Gregor Blanco's perfectly placed base-hit bunt in game two, the Giants have found all kinds of ways to beat the

Tigers.

Leyland said it was to the Giants' credit that they built on the bits of luck they had, such as a ball bouncing wildly off the third-base bag in game one that saved them from a near-certain out and opened the door for a scoring burst.

San Francisco has had two sterling outings by starting pitchers Barry Zito and Madison Bumgarner.

Bumgarner yielded just two hits and issued two walks while striking out eight in

seven innings in game two.

Home run hero Sandoval delivered a key defensive play, reaching behind him to grab a ball hit high and hard down the left-field line by Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera, and the Giants plated two runs on plays where the batters were out.

The first was a ground ball into a double play with the bases loaded, the second a long fly ball to outfield with a runner on third, who tagged up and scored.

However the Tigers, who

stunned the New York Yankees in four games in the American League Championship Series, haven't been able to make much happen.

The closest they came to scoring on Thursday was in the second inning, when first baseman Prince Fielder was waved to run for home on a double off the outfield wall by Delmon Young.

Blanco played the awkward ball and relayed it to second baseman Marco Scutaro, who fired it home to catcher Buster Posey to make

the tag as Fielder was sliding toward the plate.

Tigers fans were left to wonder why Detroit third base coach Gene Lamont gave Fielder the green light with no outs in the inning.

"I think Gene just got a little over-aggressive," Leyland said.

Leyland could only hope the Tigers' big bats will wake up when they return home to Detroit, where they host games three, four and, if necessary, five.